

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus comprising:
 - a fuel cell;
 - a battery;
 - a power delivery interface capable of being coupled to a load device;
 - a power multiplexer coupled to provide power through the power delivery interface from either only one of the fuel cell or the battery at a time; and
 - a controller operatively coupled to the fuel cell and battery to receive power readiness indications, operatively coupled to control the power multiplexer to select one of the fuel cell or the battery as a power source, and operatively coupled to the power delivery interface to signal the load device to reduce a load.
- 2-4. (Canceled)
5. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the power multiplexer includes circuitry to charge the battery with the fuel cell.
6. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the power delivery interface comprises:
 - at least one power conductor; and
 - at least one signal conductor to signal a state of the controller.
- 7-8. (Canceled)
9. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the battery comprises a Lithium-Ion battery.

10. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the battery comprises a Nickel-Metal-Hydride battery.

11. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 1 further comprising a capacitor coupled in parallel with the battery.

12-13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

checking if a fuel cell is on;
starting ~~[[a]]~~ the fuel cell;
determining if the fuel cell is ready to source power;
determining if a battery is ready to source power; ~~and~~
if neither the fuel cell nor the battery is ready to source power, signaling a load device to reduce a load~~[[.]]~~; and
if the fuel cell is not ready to source power and the battery is ready to source power,
setting a power multiplexer capable of providing power from one of the fuel cell or the battery at a time to provide power from the battery.

15. (Canceled)

16-17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15 wherein setting a power multiplexer to provide ~~providing~~ power from the battery comprises providing power from a battery and capacitor combination.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 15 further comprising signaling a load device to reduce a load if the fuel cell is not ready to source power and the battery becomes depleted.

20. (Currently Amended) ~~An apparatus including a medium adapted to hold machine-accessible instructions~~ A computer-readable medium having instructions stored thereon that when accessed result in a machine performing:

checking if a fuel cell is on;
starting a fuel cell;
determining if the fuel cell is ready to source power;
determining if a battery is ready to source power; ~~and~~
if neither the fuel cell nor the battery is ready to source power, signaling a load device to reduce a load[.]; and
if the fuel cell is not ready to source power and the battery is ready to source power,
setting a power multiplexer capable of providing power from one of the fuel cell or the battery at a time to provide power from the battery.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Currently Amended) The ~~apparatus~~ computer-readable medium of claim ~~21~~ 20 wherein setting a power multiplexer to provide ~~providing~~ power from the battery comprises providing power from a battery and capacitor combination.

23. (Currently Amended) An electronic system comprising:

a hybrid power system comprising a fuel cell, a battery, a power multiplexer coupled to provide power to a power delivery interface from ~~either~~ only one of the fuel cell or the battery at a time, and a controller operatively coupled to receive power readiness indications from the fuel cell and battery, operatively coupled to control the power multiplexer to select one of the fuel cell or the battery as a power source, and further operatively coupled to signal a load reduction request through the power delivery interface; and

a computer coupled to receive power from the hybrid power system through the power delivery interface.

24-26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) The electronic system of claim ~~26~~ 23 wherein the hybrid power system is external to the computer.

28. (Currently Amended) The electronic system of claim ~~26~~ 23 wherein the hybrid power system is in a swappable bay of the computer.

29. (Previously Presented) The electronic system of claim 28 wherein the hybrid power system is semi-permanently affixed within the computer.